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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Group Art Unit: 2673

Appl. No. : 09/856,161 (National Stage of PCT/JP00/06212)

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

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For : DISPLAY DEVICE AND METHOD OF CONTROLLING ITS BRIGHTNESS

PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants herewith petition the Commissioner to expedite the examination of the instant application under the provisions set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 and M.P.E.P. § 708.02. A first action on the merits of this application has not yet been issued.

Applicants satisfy the guidelines set forth in M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Section VIII as set forth below.

(A) Applicants submit herewith an accompanying petition fee in the amount of \$130.00 in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(I).

(B) By Preliminary Amendment submitted herewith, Applicants present all new claims for examination. Newly submitted claims 21-28 are directed to a single invention. However, to the extent that the Examiner determines that the claims are not obviously directed to a single invention, Applicants will elect, without traverse, a single invention upon being appropriately informed by the Examiner.

(C) An information Disclosure Statement is submitted that cites an International Search Report issued in counterpart PCT Application PCT/JP00/06212 and references cited therein; a Japanese Office Action (Notification of Reason(s) for Refusal) and references cited therein issued in counterpart Japanese Application No. HEI 11-283228; and documents noted in a prior art search performed by Applicants. Applicants note that the field of search by class and subclass, publication, Chemical Abstracts, foreign patents, etc. is set forth in the International Search Report. Applicants submit that at least this search by a foreign patent office satisfies M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Section VIII - C for the performance of a pre-examination search.

(D) One copy of each of the references cited in the Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed for the Examiner's review.

(E) Applicants submit that the above-mentioned Information Disclosure Statement contains a detailed discussion of the cited references, and point out with the particularity required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 (b) and (c) (that is, arguments pointing out the specific distinctions believed to render the claims patentable over any and all of the references of record), how the claimed subject matter is patentable over the references.

CONCLUSION

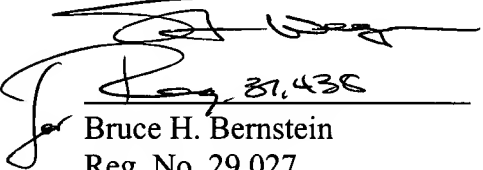
Based on the foregoing, Applicants submit that the present application meets the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 and M.P.E.P. § 708.02. Thus, Applicants respectfully request the immediate examination of the present application. While Applicants submit herewith a check in the

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amount of \$130.00, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any necessary additional fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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